GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF SPORTS IN COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has completed preparation for the Commonwealth Games to be held in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the places for providing lodging facilities to the visiting sportspersons and participants have been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Indian style Wrestling, Kabbadi, Kho Kho sports etc. have been included in the Commonwealth Games; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Preparations for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 is an on going process and action in this regard is being regularly monitored. Various institutional arrangements have been made to ensure proper planning and preparations for the organization of the Commonwealth Games - 2010 and their smooth conduct. These include a Core Group of Ministers chaired by the Minister for Human Resource Development for coordinating and taking decisions regarding various aspects related to the organization of the Games, an Apex Committee in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports chaired by the Minister (Youth Affairs & Sports), a Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Group of Ministers and other related matters, and an Organizing Committee for the conduct of the Games headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association. At the level of the Government of Delhi, the Lt. Governor would have overall responsibility regarding security, law & order and matters pertaining to DDA, and there is a Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi for other matters falling within the jurisdiction of the State Government in terms of the planning and requirements of upgradation of civic infrastructure, etc.

The proposals of the various implementing agencies for the creation of the required sports and civic infrastructure, viz., the Government of NCT of Delhi, Sports Authority of India and DDA, and of the Organizing Committee for the conduct of the Games have been approved. It is expected that after finalization of detailed designs and estimates, etc., construction work on the various projects will commence by the middle of 2007, and all the works will be completed by the end of 2009.

An Empowered Committee has been set up under the Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi with representatives of all the various concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy and time bound clearances in respect of games related projects. Another Committee has been set up, with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as convenor, to deal with issues pertaining to clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission and other central agencies, as may be required.

(c) & (d): The participating athletes and officials for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 would be accommodated at the Games Village to be developed by the DDA near the NOIDA crossing off National Highway - 24.

(e) & (f) : The Sports Programme of the Commonwealth Games does not include Kabbadi and Kho-Kho. The discipline of Wrestling is included in the Commonwealth Games, 2010 which is to be conducted in accordance with the rules of the competition and of the International Sports Federation concerned.